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FOR: IEA ATTENTION BUMGARDNER

1. MINISTER OF EDUCATION NGO KHAC TINH AND PRESIDENT OF VIET-NAM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK KHUONG HUU DIEU WILL VISIT U.S. MARCH 3-16 UNDER USAID AUSPICES TO DISCUSS VIET NAM FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT WITH AMERICAN FOUNDATION OFFICIALS AND TO VISIT AID CONTRACT INSTITUTIONS.

2. EDUCATION IS ONE OF VIETNAM'S SUCCESS STORIES. PROGRESS MADE IN LAST TWENTY YEARS UNDER WARTIME CONDITIONS IS REMARKABLE AND DUE IN PART TO AID ASSISTANCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS SORT OF STORY DOES NOT OFTEN REACH AMERICAN PRESS.

3. BOTH TINH AND DIEU QUALIFIED TO ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT. TINH'S ENGLISH FAIR-TO-GOOD, DIEU'S EXCELLENT (HE IS MIT GRADUATE).

4. SUGGEST AGENCY IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND AID/W EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDIA COVERAGE, INCLUDING TV INTERVIEWS DURING VISIT ACCORDING TO FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

5. MARCH 3-4 SAN FRANCISCO
MARCH 4-5 CHICAGO
MARCH 5-7 NEW YORK
MARCH 7-11 WASHINGTON
MARCH 11-12 GAINESVILLE, FLA.

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MARCH 12-13 STEVENS POINT, WISC.

MARCH 13-15 CARBONDALE, ILL.

MARCH 15-16 ROLLA, MO.

6. VIETNAMESE INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN ALERTED
AND AGENCY MAY WISH TO TOUCH BASE WITH PHAM DUONG HIEN ON PLANS
MADE FROM THAT QUARTER.

7. REQUEST THAT AGENCY ATTEMPT TO MAKE VTR IN VIETNAMESE WITH
MINISTER ON HIS IMPRESSIONS OF U.S. FOR USE HERE.
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